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MICROCOMPUTER HAVING BUILT-IN NONVOLATILE MEMORY AND CHECK SYSTEM THEREOF AND IC CARD **PACKING** MICROCOMPUTER HAVING **BUILT-IN**

NONVOLATILE MEMORY AND CHECK SYSTEM

THEREOF

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

March 18, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.